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CENSUS TO START

Sixty million householders will join census officials beginning on March 28th, in all the fifty states.

This is the eighteenth census of population and housing in the United States and—in some ways— it might be the most interesting ever taken. The first census was taken 170 years ago, in 1790. Thomas Jefferson was then Secretary of State.

Among other things, the census—which is taken every ten years — is expected to show trends which will influence business, cities and states, and even sections of the country. The states and sections will be interested to know how their population is being affected, where it is growing, and where citizens are decreasing in number.

The census will also show what is happening to farm and city population, whether the suburbs are continuing to grow, or growing faster, and whether people are leaving the farms at a fast rate to go to the cities, etc.

One of the major political results of the census will be the fact that on it will be based Congressional representation, as elected in 1962. Because the House of Representatives is limtied to 435 seats, after the census is taken it will be determined how many persons each representative will represent. As a result of this census some states are expected to lose Congressional representation, and others are expected to gain.

For example, California, Texas and Florida—among other states—will gain members of the lower House. (The U. S. Senate is not affected, because two senators are elected in each state.)

A number of eastern states, including New York, and other states, will lose Congressional representation. Predictions are that the population of this country will be about 179 million, which will reflect a rapidly increasing rate of growth for the country.

All in all, we will know much more about ourselves, some of it in a few months, and all the information within a year.

APRIL FOOL'S DAY

There is no general agreement on the origin of April Fool's Day, although it is a day which is observed in most areas of the world, and not just in this country and Western Europe.

It is customary in various countries of the Western world to attempt to catch friends with foolish pranks or jokes on April 1st. Anyone fooled by such pranks in France is called a Poisson d'Avril. In French that means an April fish. There are some who believe that this is based on the fact that fish are caught easily in April, when the sun is leaving the zodiacal sign of Pisces.

In Scotland, those caught by April Fool pranks are called April gowks. The gowk is a cuckoo. In the United States, there is no particular term for anyone fooled on April 1st, but the custom has, in the past, become so annoying that telephones would often be disconnected on April Fool's Day.

Fortunately, April Fools' Day in the United States has developed into a more sane observance in recent years than it was formerly. As in the case of Hallowe'en the country's intellect seems to be showing definite improvement in its form of observance of this day, which would refute those who cling to the notion that the younger generation is the worst yet, rapidly going to the dogs, and so on into the night.

The best way to sell is to advertise good products and good service at reasonable prices.

Who can remember the old religious camp meetings?

The majority rarely exercises its power in this country.

Why is it that there are always so many people who need money?

Faith in one's self is the foundation of success.

Red China And The Bomb

It is reported that Red China will explode an atomic bomb later this month. It will be a sad day for the free world when the explosion actually occurs.

Apparently, the Chinese Reds think they must have nuclear weapons to be able to retake Formosa. They have a good point, and unfortunately, the United States and the free democratic nations know it only too well.

While the United States would probably not use nuclear weapons on the Chinese mainland, as long as they have them available in the Far East, and the Chinese do not, we might use them as tactial weapons in repelling an invasion of Formosa, for example.

It is less likely that we would use them, however, if the Chinese have them also, and decide to use them on our fleet—as a tatical reply. This would be highly likely, and it would be justified, under the circumstances.

That leaves us back in the pre-atomic area, if neither side would use nuclear weapons, and in the pre-war field of armaments, and in that field of armaments which are spoken of as conventional arms, the Chinese are far in front of us.

While we have a powerful Navy in and around Formosa, the Chinese have a vast army, and a much larger air force—it is assumed—than we have available there. While our planes might be superior in performance, the Chinese Air Force is reported to have expanded considerably in recent years.

Therefore, if and when the Chinese decide to take Formosa, if they have nuclear weapons they might well act, knowing that use of these weapons by the United States would bring aboout similar use of them by themselves. Thus, the United States and Chiang-Kai-shek would be forced to fight an "old-fashioned" war.

This kind of war could be quite costly, and submarines might play havoc with the Seventh Fleet. This is all conjecture, of course, but it will certainly be a melancholy development if the Chinese Reds soon posses nuclear weapons.

The more countries which obtain these weapons, and France has recently exploded her first atomic bomb, the more difficult it will be to bring about an agreement which prevents their use.

Few people return books promptly.

A pretty girl need not rush into matrimony.

How many real friends do you think you have?

Why is it that the uninformed are so satisfied with themselves?

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Washington Notes

INDUS PROJECT

The International Bank for Reconstruction and development announced recently that six nations were prepared to provide $410,000,000 for development of the Indus River as part of a water-sharing agreement between India and Pakistan.

The announcement said it was hoped that final agreement between the two countries would be reached "within the next two months."

Pay Rise

The Navy's 7,700 civilian workers on the Hawaiian island of Oahu will receive pay increases this month averaging 18 cents an hour, Senator Hiram L. Fong, Republican of Hawaii, has reported. The increases will bring hourly wages to from $1.80 for laborers to $2.82 for journeymen Oahu is the main island of Hawaii and is the site of the Pearl Harbor base.

New Labeling Set

The Food and Drug Administration has announced new labeling standards to make clear to consumers how types of orange juice have been processed.

The standards cover all commercially packaged juices. They take effect in ninety days.

Highway Lag

Senator Holland (D.,Fla.) says internal difficulties in some countries along the route are delaying completion of the Inter - American highway.

Holland recently told the Senate that delays are not due to dallying by the United States. He said this country already has appropriated $138,000,000 as its share of the cost of the project, to provide a land route from the Mexican border near Laredo, Texas, to the Panama Canal.

Treasury Changing Stand

Congressional sources say the Treasury is changing its stand against a House-passed bill to allow self-employed persons to set up tax - deductible retirement funds.

The Administration opposed the bill last year, saying it would cause a loss of $365,000,000 in revenue.

The sources said the Terasury will suggest now that self-employed persons be put on an equal footing with corporations, which now can deduct from taxes their share, of the cost of pension plans. Employees, however, must pay income taxes on their contributions.

House Study

The United States foreign aid program is attempting to underwrite too many projects, members of the House Foreign Economic Policy subcommittee has asserted.

In reporting on a 40,000 - mile study mission around the world for the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the group of Representatives also said that some of the projects were grandiose and too costly.

Their report called for a "reappraisal and revision" of the foreign aid program.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

What are the signs in the sky which foretell the approach of a cold front?

There are few signs in the sky which wiill give you any clue to the approach of a cold front, despite what some may claim. A warm front usually gives ample warning before moving in but a cold front may often give none at all.

The first sign of a cold front is usually not far enough in advance of its actual arrival to do much good. This clue is a sharp pickup in the wind. This is actually the leading edge of the cold front moving over the surface of the earth, and will probably be leading the full-bodied front itself only by hours.

Notice the sky. If it is clearing, or has just cleared, and the wind is picking up appreciably, with gusty blasts, a cold front is probably not far away.

Homemakers Items

If your house is usually too hot or too cold, check the location of the thermostat, advise Extension specilasts.

Proper location of the thermostat is essential for an effective central heating system. The specialists offer the following pointers to keep in mind when installing a thermostat:

Put the thermostat in a room where the temperature is importnat —the living or dining room.

Put it at a spot that is representative of air throughout the house and where air circulates. A point halfway between the floor and the ceiling is a good choice. A suitable distance from the floor is about four feet.

Avoid placing the thermostat near a source of heat, such as a register or a fireplace. Even a lamp near a thermostat will keep it from operating propertly.

Be sure the thermostate is in a place where it is in no danger of being bumped or damaged.

Good cooks never hard boil eggs. Extension specialists say that hard-cooked eggs are easier to shell, and will have a clear yellow yolk, when they are cooked in barely simmering water and promptly cooled under cold running water. Too much heat makes eggs tough and rubbery.

To prevent eggs cracking when cooked in the shell, bring them to room temperature before putting them in hot water. To speed the warm-up, hold eggs under warm running water, or put them in a pan of warm water for a few seconds.

Egg whites beat up faster and to larger volume if removed from the refrigerator about a half hour before use. They should be at room temperature before beating.

Can you tell a hard-boiled egg when you see one? Spin the eggs on a table top. Uncooked eggs will not spin. Hard-cooked a top.

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onewall, March 21.- My, we really had snow and more all of March, and some say to come on Wednesday of week. Let's all hope it will pass, and Spring is here!

and Mrs. Herbert Mathews, of Orange, spent the week-end her father, Mr. J. O. David and other home folks.

Winnie Lee, of Madison ge, Harrisonburg, spent the -end with her parents, Mr. and Tilden Lee.

and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard, Mr. Malcolm Drinkard were inner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bethel and Mr. C. D. Drink n Sunday.

and Mrs. Cantrell Smith and and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Sho r and Steven, of Lynchburg last Sunday with Mr. and C. D. Carson.

and Mrs. Henry Beard and ence spent Sunday with her ts and his mother and broth

glad to hear that Mr. and Monroe Dysse and baby have ned from a visit to his par in Mobile, Alabama.

Parks Jennings was called to ood last week, due to the of his brother-in-law, Mr. ie. He was the husband of Jennings Gillispie, who lived us before her marriage. We deepest sympathy to Mr. and the rest of his loved

and Mrs. Rufus Burnette had children and grandchildren them on Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. urnette and family, of Lynch Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ray Bur and Tim, Mr. and Mrs. Kemp and Bobbie, of Concord; and Mrs. Harry Lawson, of ottsville, and Mr. Aubrey of Appomattox. We wish fine family lots more get

and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard her mother, Mrs. T. M. Mar last Tuesday night. Glad she proving, at her home near Church.

glad to hear that Mr. Elliotte is returning home tomor from the hospital, much im d. Hope he will soon be real once again.

ter and Faster

getting harder and harder for think of any place where we to be as fast as modern trans tion can get us there. —Kan Star.

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vision of Property

Moines, Iowa.- In a divorce ment Lewis H. Henderson, de nt in the case, was awarded ar — all but the two front that is. Mrs. Henderson said former husband had borrowed wheels from her father and had returned them. She got the

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COMMENTS ON SPORTS

BASEBALL

Here's how the American League race will come out this year - we're giving it to you even before the season starts!

The Yankees will start better this year. Art Ditmar, Whitey Ford and Bob Turley will be sharp and the hitting will be there again. Mickey Mantle will be in the line-up on opening day.

Chicago will also be strong. But Detroit will also be winning its share — unlike the loss of eleven games in a row last opening. Boston will be weaker, and Baltimore will start well, but not as hot as last year. Washington will stagger and Kansas City will be stronger.

The Yankees, Indians and Sox will fight it out until June. Chicago will then begin to fade a bit. The Yankees will pull into the lead by the end of June. But Cleveland and Chiago will stay close. Detroit will put on its annual spurt and threaten to take the lead — getting within four or five games of the Yanks.

Cleveland will begin to weaken in July. It will be New York, Detroit, Chicago and Cleveland in August, Chicago will be hot in August, and it will be New York, Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland at the end of that month. The Indians will wonder where Cal McLish is.

But Cleveland will get tougher and knock off the Yanks in a big series. Detroit, as always, will help the Yanks along, down hill. Cleveland will move into second in early September, with Chicago close behind and the Yanks with a narrow lead.

Detroit will bang Cleveland in a critical series. Chicago will maul New York, but the Yankees will beat the daylights out of the other clubs. At the end of September (the season), it will be New York by three games, Chicago second, Cleveland and Detroit very clsose for third.

Any bets?? Next week: The National League race previewed.

The Border Line

Saving is fine, but it is better to spend all you make than not to make all you spend. —The Des Moines, Iowa, Tribune.

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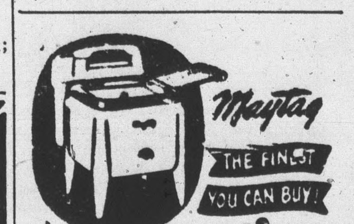

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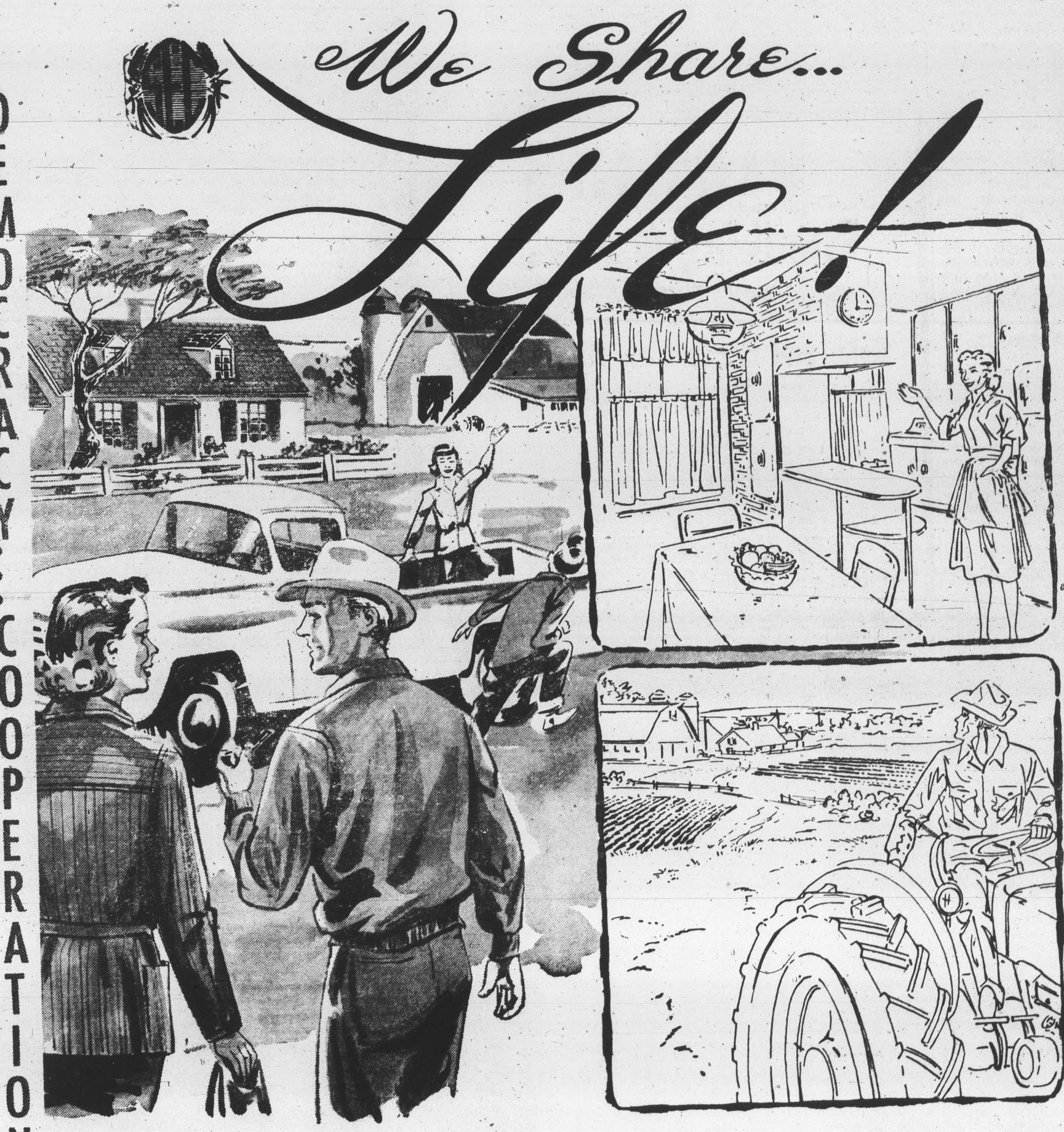

A family planning the days activity, a housewife attending to the needs of the home, the farmer tilling the soil—each small in their own way but essential elements in the lives of people throughout our nation and the world.

Life as we know it is an accumulation of ideas, habits and desires of small people woven into an intricate pattern to produce the atmosphere we enjoy in our earthly existence.

We, in America, are apt to worship bigness. We are proud to live in a country that has the largest city in the world, that has the greatest accumulation of material possessions, and that is a leader in world affairs.

But when become obsessed with bigness, we forget that life is made up of innumerable small events of tremendous consequences. The outcome of stupendous happenings very often hinges on small, seemingly unimportant events. The future of our way of life will be determined, not so much by great events, but by the plain everyday consecrated living of millions of little people. Small ordinary people doing little things well are lighting candles the world over. Frequently the small things make larger things possible and become the controlling factors in our lives.

The older we get the more we realize that the true values of life are not measured by any standard of size. Life is made up of a multitude of little things; and if we would rise to higher usefulness, we must cherish the seeming trifles of daily living.

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